

REMARKS

This response is for the Restriction Requirement under 35 USC § 121 mailed by the Office on April 19, 2007. In that Restriction Requirement, the Examiner indicated that Species I includes claims 1-21 and 32-50 and Species II includes claims 22-31. It is noted that claims 39-40 (originally in Species I) depend from claim 26 (originally in Species II).

In a telephone call by Applicants' representative to the Examiner on August 15, 2007, the Examiner indicated a new grouping of claims for the Restriction Requirement (denoted herein as Species A and Species B) and requested that Applicants elect a species from the new grouping in a written reply. In the new grouping, Species A includes claims 1-21, 32-38, and 41-50 and Species B includes claims 22-31 and 39-40.

Applicants elect without traverse the Species A claims (claims 1-21, 32-38, and 41-50) as presented by the Examiner in the telephone call on August 15, 2007.

At this time, Applicants are reserving the right to reintroduce the Species B claims (claims 22-31 and 39-40) upon agreement of a common generic claim during the course of prosecution. If none is agreed upon, Applicants will cancel the non-elected claims without prejudice and reserve the right to pursue such claims in one or more divisional applications.

Examination and allowance is requested for the elected claims. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned representative if it is felt that an interview might be useful for any reason.

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